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*What sort of legislation would you favor, or should the administration just let the ruling stand?*

I strongly oppose this ruling.

Potentially, this decision would allow enemy combatants, in a time of war, to have an attorney and would afford them more rights than they would have in their home country.

Also, it would mean, when capturing an enemy combatant, our soldiers might be compelled to collect evidence to try to ensure that a terrorist was not released by a clever trial lawyer.

Our soldiers at war have never and should never be distracted from their mission in this way.

That being said, a very divided court made this ruling on their interpretation of the Constitution, and it is not yet clear if there is a legislative fix.

However, if one does exist, I will support it.

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